



New Jersey Department of Human Services  
Division of Developmental Disabilities  
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## 2015 Family Support Camp Funding Assistance

The New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) Family Support program may be able to provide limited funding assistance for individuals who plan to attend camp in 2015. As with all Division services, funding for camp is based on available resources. **The deadline to apply for camp funding assistance is Monday, May 4, 2015.**

Please note that, although the Division is transitioning to a new Medicaid-based, fee-for-service system beginning July 1, 2015 and proceeding through the following 12-18 months, funding for the 2015 camp season (July-August) will continue to be processed as it has in the past. **Changes to the camp funding process will not occur until Summer 2016.**

### Who is Eligible to Apply for Camp Funding Assistance?

- Individuals who are eligible to receive Division-funded services and are living in their own homes with uncompensated caregivers
- Individuals who receive an individual budget for **Self Directed Day Services only**

### Which Camps Will Be Considered for Funding Assistance?

- Division-contracted camps
- Camps on the Division's qualified provider list

### How Much Camp Funding Assistance is Available?

- The Division will attempt to provide camp funding assistance to individuals for:
- Qualified Camps:
  - Up to 6 nights of residential camp at \$133.00/night
  - OR
  - Up to ten days of day camp at \$80.00/day
- Contracted Camps:
  - Up to 6 nights of residential camp
  - OR
  - Up to 10 days of day camp
- Caregivers are encouraged to arrange to cover camp funding first through:
  - Private funds
  - Contacting local township recreation departments
  - Contacting civic groups (e.g., Elks, Shriners, etc.)
  - Camp scholarship funds that may be available through organizations like United Way

## Additional Information About Camp Funding Assistance

- The deadline for submitting requests for camp funding assistance from the Division of Developmental Disabilities is **Monday, May 4, 2015**.
- **Camp funding assistance from the Division is not guaranteed** and caregivers should always consider their ability to afford any and all registered camp dates.
- The Division does not provide assistance with the following camp-related costs:
  - registration fees
  - transportation
  - the cost of trips taken during the camp stay
- Some camps require caregivers to remit full camp payment in advance, promising reimbursement to the caregiver once funding assistance payment is received from the Division.
  - Please note that the New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) **is not responsible** for any promised reimbursements from camps that require advance payment.
  - Caregivers can attempt to negotiate with camps and request that camps rely on the Division's payment system, but this negotiation is undertaken privately by the caregiver.

## How Do We Request Camp Funding Assistance from the Division?

- Individuals must register for camp prior to submitting a request to the Division for camp funding assistance.
- Individuals must provide the Division with a copy of the camp registration form and/or camp acceptance letter.
- Requests to the Division for camp funding assistance should be submitted to the assigned Division contact:
  - The individual's Division case manager
  - The individual's Support Coordinator
  - OR
  - If neither of these is available, the request can be submitted to an Information and Referral Specialist at the Division of Disability Services' Office of Information and Assistance Services (phone: 888.285.3036).

## When Will Caregivers be Notified?

When a request for camp funding assistance is approved by the Division, caregivers will be notified by the camp. The caregiver will work directly with the camp to finalize details.

## When Will Camp Funding Assistance Payment be Made?

Requests for camp funding assistance that are approved by the Division will be paid directly to the camp after the individual's camp session has ended.